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HELP THE SICK BABIES.

The Summer is close upon us. The present week, beginning its career in May, will close it in June. What memories of balmy days and sweet blossoms and grateful sea-breezes are brought up at the mere mention of these fairest months of a year yet young!

But, abruptly though it turns the thought, life in June is not for everybody a merry tune. In that month and in months to follow, there will be in this great city hordes of people who will swear and suffer and feel almost that the curse outweighs the blessings of Summer.

Among these sufferers will be countless little children, to whom bad air, insufficient food and lack of proper care will bring an increase of the ills to which death is naturally heir.

In previous years it has been the privilege of The Evening World through its Sick Baby Fund and Summer Corps of Free Physicians to minister to these children of poverty and alleviate as best it might their trouble and their pain. This year the work is again to be taken up and the Fund and Corps are to be established on a basis which enlarged experience and resources will render broader yet.

The Evening World proposes to break its own record in this field and to that end invites the cordial co-operation of all who feel it meet to do a deed for humanity's sake.

FREEZE THEM OUT.

The madness which is declared to preclude the destruction which the gods contemplate has evidently seized the ice barons. Unless all signs fail they are preparing the way for their own destruction in a way most rash and ill-considered. But, then, it is characteristic of monopolistic greed to rush blindly when once started towards the goal of apparent gain.

Almost without exception the local retail price of ice to-day is \$20 per ton. And this when pure Maine ice can be brought to our wharves at \$5 per ton. There, then, is a profit of 300 per cent, to divide among the various handlers, before the small consumer is reached, and the barons get the biggest share of it.

The ice barons should be promptly and effectively frozen out.

THE TIME TO STOP.

The time to call a halt in the ocean racing by the great steamships came long ago—long before human lives had been given up to strengthen the call. It comes again now in view of yesterday's event in the harbor with a force and an earnestness which cannot be disregarded. This veritable criminal pastime must stop.

Racing is an exhilarating sport for the participants and a fascinating one for those who watch, but when it is indulged in at peril of life, not only to the racing boat's own passengers but to people on any other craft chancing to be in the same waters, it has ceased to be sport—it is playing with murder.

MARSHFIELD KING, arrested for horse-stealing in Missouri, is determined that not for that mean offense shall he live in criminal history. He confesses to having murdered a man and to being the gilt-edged robber who, over a year ago, compelled the President of a Denver bank, at the point of loaded pistol and bottled dynamite, to sign and cash and deliver over the proceeds of a \$20,000 check.

The Volunteer will not go abroad this year to carry the Stars and Stripes in the race for the Bremen Beef Cup. It is too bad, for the gallant centre-board would have given our English cousins a lesson in how to get there.

CHEERFUL CITIZEN TRAIN, having girded the globe in sixty-seven days, is not yet satisfied. He says that he can make the circuit in forty-eight days, and may try it next October. Meanwhile we will lecture.

SINCE KEMMLER has been informed that his case has gone adversely his spirits have fallen, and he shows his dissatisfaction by not reading the Bible as heretofore.

THE LONDON workingman has raised his voice against the influx of foreign labor, and a monster mass-meeting has been arranged to emphasize the protest.

WORLDLINGS.

It is possible to make an extended list of well-known American authors who are not yet alive, but in the list Frank Dempster Sherman is only to be beat. He is 60, George Matthews 52, Whitcomb Blodget 48, Theodore Roosevelt 51, Marion Crawford 42, George Robert Graddick (Miss Murfree) 20, and F. J. Stimson 24.

GEORGE SPENCER, who is sometimes mentioned as the coming successor to Gladstone, is a very tall man, with a big red mustache and a long beard of the same color. He is a ready-spoken and widely-read and accomplished scholar. He is very fond of athletic sports.

ELLEN MURRAY, the oldest daughter of the millionaire millionaire, is a slender woman of twenty-one. She has brown hair and eyes and a wistful expression, and is rather pretty. She possesses \$200,000 in bank stock in her own right.

THE MARQUIS CLARE LANE, Sir Hammond's daughter, is described as a decided blonde, whose dark hair, lying in short boyish locks against forehead and neck, could scarcely be more pale. Her eyes are of a somber gray, and she has a wistful expression, and is rather pretty. She possesses \$200,000 in bank stock in her own right.

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J. G. GRIMBIE is well liked by the other members of the Alpine Boot Club. He is holding down his own in the junior tour to brilliant style.

LOW SHARPE, the middle-distance star of the New York Athletic Club, is full of pluck. He has made a name for himself at the obstacle race.

He Was in Luck.

(From the *World* Press.)

"Have you got \$5 in your vest?" asked a question of a Congressman.

"No, I must confess that I haven't," said the Congressman, "but I have the money in my pocket."

He was in luck.

THE WAYS OF WOMAN FAIR.

Collars are either very high or very low—they are no medium. Saws with tailor suits linen collars are not worn. Many of the house dresses have a bow of ribbon pinned under the ear as a finish. Crepe, ruches and pique ribbons are not much used in the necks of dresses.

It is not elegant to answer a question with yes or no, nor is it desirable for an adult to use the obscenities yes, sir, or no, ma'am. Critics insist that the reply be so constructed as to include a modifying phrase or clause. Certainly it is an affirmative indorse by good usage. "I think not" is a form of negation, and then there are the complete sentences: "I was not," "I did not."

"I had the misfortune to miss her," etc., that the grammarian and pedagogue will heartily approve as preferable to the vulgar "No." Another offensive word is "what." You can crave pardon, as far as a repetition, excuse, inattention, in fact, do anything rhetorical but say interrogatively "what."

There are special silk fabrics for races, showing Soho stripes of pink, yellow, crimson, red and green on pale cream grounds; other smart patterns are black plaids, with the blocks three inches in diameter.

White shoes are to be worn this Summer in patent leather, box cloth and coarse kid and goat.

THE MARQUISE DE MORES was a Miss Nedra von Hoffman, daughter of a well-known banker, and niece by marriage of the late Sam Ward. She has spent months in the wilds of India and on the plains, riding with a rifle slung to her saddle, and shooting bears, buffaloes or tigers with unerring aim, while in Paris she is known as one of the most perfectly dressed and well-bred of pretty women, with soft voices and quiet manner.

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